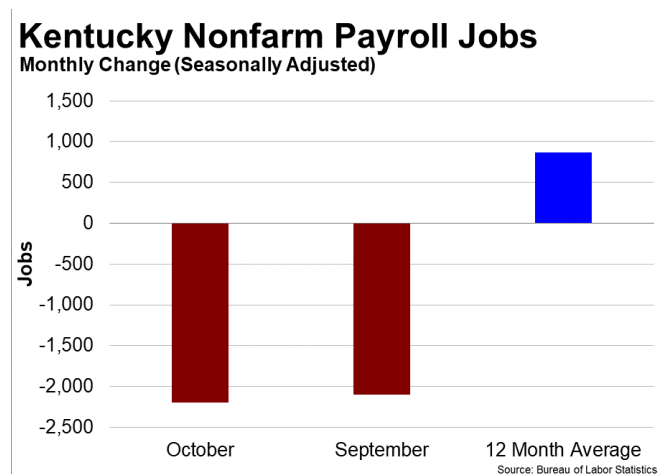
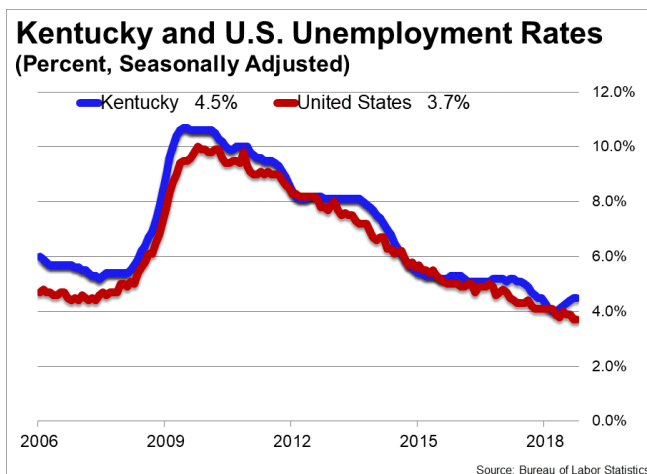




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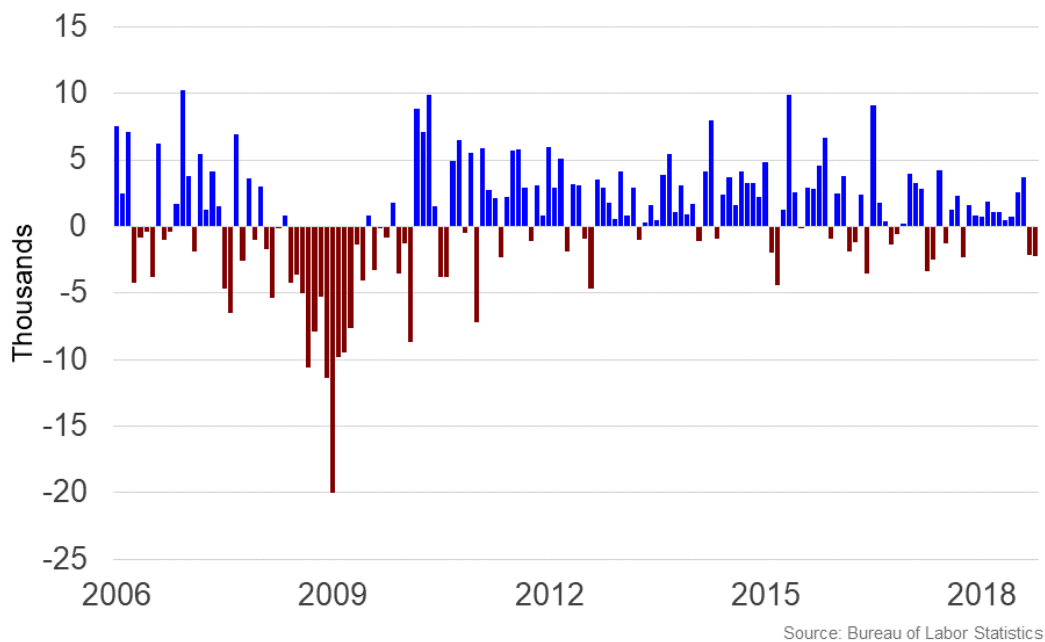
Summary

- **Kentucky lost 2,200 jobs and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.5 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Kentucky added 10,400 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point from 4.6 percent.
- **In October, Kentucky's private sector lost 900 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 10,900 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Kentuckians rose by 1,397 in October**, and over the past year 19,632 Kentuckians found jobs.
- Kentucky's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 59.3 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.3 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.



Kentucky Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



Kentucky Payroll Employment

Kentucky lost 2,200 jobs, or 0.11 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, Kentucky lost 2,100 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Kentucky increased by 10,400, or 0.54 percent. Kentucky nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

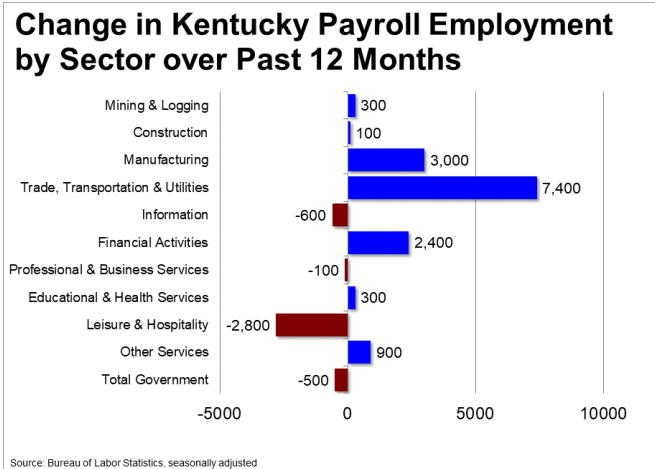
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. Kentucky ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, Kentucky's private-sector lost 900 jobs, or 0.06 percent. The private-sector in Kentucky lost 800 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Kentucky increased by 10,900, or 0.68 percent. Kentucky private-sector payroll employment has increased in 9 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. Kentucky ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Manufacturing (+1,600) and Financial Activities (+600). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Professional & Business Services (-2,300) and Total Government (-1,300).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+7,400) and Manufacturing (+3,000). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Leisure & Hospitality (-2,800) and Information (-600).



Kentucky Labor Force Statistics

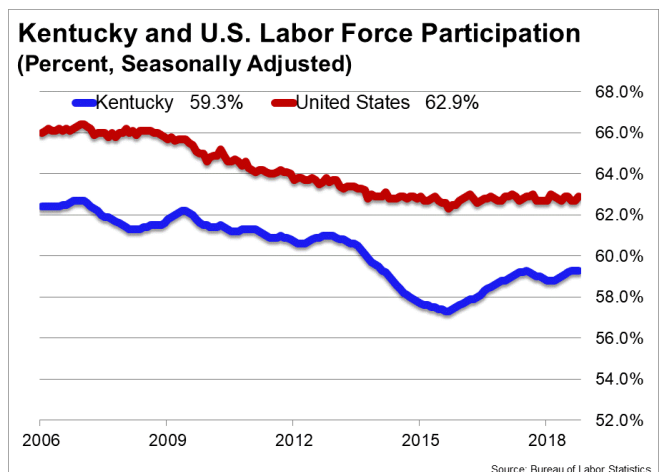
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in Kentucky was unchanged at 59.3 percent in October. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 42 have a higher labor force participation rate than Kentucky. The labor force participation rate in Kentucky is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Kentucky was 62.2 percent in June 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Kentucky occurred in July 1999 when the labor force participation rate hit 64.1 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 57.3 percent in September 2015. This also represents the series low for the labor force participation rate in Kentucky. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Kentucky civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, declined to 56.6 percent in October from 56.7 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 43 have higher employment-to-



population ratios than Kentucky. The employment-to-population ratio in Kentucky is 0.2 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Kentucky was 56.7 percent in September 2018. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Kentucky occurred in April 2000 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 61.3 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 54.3 percent in September 2015. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in October 2015 when the employment-to-population ratio was 54.3 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

